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an exit tube exiting from the bottom portion of the container and leading to an inlet tube of the paintball gun, said exit tube having a sloped exit portion; and

a catch arm mounted on an interior surface of the container adjacent to the sloped exit portion of the exit tube, said catch arm being mounted at a height which is above the top surface of the fins and which is approximately equal to the radius of a paintball[;].

[a motor that rotates the drive cone; and
means for actuating the motor upon demand.]

Please add the following claim:

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22. The rapid feed paintball loader of claim 12 wherein the display includes a timer.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. The presently pending claims are claims 1-22. Claim 13-15, 20, and 21 have been amended. Claim 22 has been added.

In the Office Action dated June 21, 2000, the Examiner stated that the application did not include a claim 13. The Examiner also stated that claims 14-22 were renumbered 13-21. In addition, the Examiner stated that claims 13-15 depend from a non-existent claims and could not be examined. In response, the Applicant has added claim 22. In the original application, claim 13 was inadvertently removed from the application. Claims 13-15 have been amended to depend on added

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claim 22. Therefore, the withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claims 13-15 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner stated that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Additionally, the Examiner stated that the infrared sensor, optical sensor, microprocessor, and display must be shown or the features canceled from the claims.

In response, the Applicant has amended the drawings to show the infrared sensor, optical sensor and display. FIG. 3 now illustrates sensors 99, which may be infrared or optical sensors. Additionally, FIG. 3 also illustrates a display 101. The specification has also been amended to reference the sensors 99 and display 101 in FIG. 3. In regards to the microprocessor, FIG. 7 illustrates a microprocessor (reference number 88). Therefore, the withdrawal of the objection and the allowance of the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Examiner also rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner stated that there is no antecedent for the “drive cone”. In response, the Applicant has amended claim 21 by removing the reference to the “drive cone”. Therefore, the withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claim 21 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claims 1-22.

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